



Did You Know?

According to the Institute for Justice study [License to Work](#), Florida ranks

- 4th for most burdensome licensing laws; and
- 7th for most extensively and onerously licensed.

According to the [Federal Trade Commission](#)

- 1,100 occupations require a license in at least one state, but only 60 are regulated in all 50.
- The average training in states requiring a license.
 - EMTs → 33 days.
 - Cosmetologists → 372 days.
- Trends in Occupational Licensing Across U.S.
 - 1950s: 1 in 20 workers needed a license to work for pay.
 - Today: 6 in 20 workers need a license.

REFRESHER: HB 15

DEREGULATION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

BACKGROUND

HB 15 amends current law relating to certain professions and business organizations regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR).

Last session's deregulation bill, CS/HB 7047, passed the House, but died in Senate Returning Messages. It was reintroduced by Chair Beshears and was reported favorably out of the Commerce Committee on October 10, 2017.

The bottom line: HB 15 provides more job opportunities to Floridians by removing burdensome regulations that act as barriers to entry for many professions.

BILL HIGHLIGHTS

- The bill removes certain professions and entities from DBPR regulation.
 - Removes hair braiders, hair wrappers, body wrappers, nail polishers, makeup applicators, boxing announcers, and boxing timekeepers from DBPR regulation.
 - Removes labor organizations and their business agents from DBPR regulation, but generally retains each profession's standards of operation and civil and criminal causes of action.
- The bill eases regulations on certain professions by:
 - Reducing the hours of training required for barbers, restricted barbers, nail specialists, facial specialists, and full specialists.
 - Clarifying the definition and scope of practice for restricted barbers, nail specialists, full specialists, facial specialists, and hair braiders.
- The bill eliminates the requirement that the following licensees obtain a certification of authorization for their businesses and allows those licensees to continue to operate if they apply to be the qualifying agent for their business entity: asbestos abatement consultants and contractors, architects, interior designers, landscape architects, and geologists.